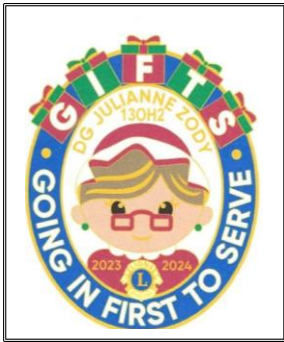




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District OH2 Lions!

I just can't thank you enough for all you do for others. You are all amazing! I am so amazed when I listen to your reports that you give at the Zone advisory meetings.

Thank you to all the clubs that distribute food, surely there can't be many people in OH2 that stay hungry.

Thank you to all the clubs that have purchased coats gloves, mittens and hats to keep people warm.

I did not realize that there were so many people that had no beds and were sleeping on their floors. Thank you Lorain Noon club for helping to provide beds.

Thank you to all the clubs that purchase glasses and exams for children and adults. Vision was the Lions first focus and we have branched out to Diabetes, Pediatric Cancer, Hunger, and Environment.

Thank you to the clubs that provide scholarships for student.

Thank to the clubs that donate to Pediatric Cancer.

Thank you to the 7 clubs that had an enter in the Peace Poster contest.

Thank you to the clubs that bought the special stroller for the little girl.

I am so proud of the clubs in District OH2. You all live the motto “WE SERVE”. You also exemplify my silly cheer: “ALL CAN HAPPEN WHEN LIONS ROAR!” I hope you have made plans to attend the Winter Retreat in Salt Fork on January 12-14, 2024. There will be fun things and educational things too. LOL! I'd like to see Big Foot! Be on the look out in January for the call to OH2 District Convention April 12-13-14, 2024. There will be awards, food, business meetings, necrology service, Pilot Dogs, and sessions such as LCIF, compliance, and diabetes

PDG Dana and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lion DG Julianne
“GIFTS”

Governors

Visitation Schedule

Dec. 4	North Fairfield
Dec. 14	Colonel Crawford
Dec. 21	Bellville
Jan. 9	Polk
Jan. 12-13-14	Winter Retreat
Jan. 15	Tiffin
Jan. 16	Ontario
Jan. 17	Savannah Kitchen Dedication

1st VDG Patty

Happy Holidays! Yes, it is that time again already. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas. Just to remind you, it is just around the corner!!!!!! I like to get my shopping done early so I can sit back and relax, not have to fight the crowds in the stores but concentrate on baking cookies and enjoying grandchildren. How about you? I come from a large family so our get-togethers create a full house. But, as you know, there are many people that are not as lucky as we are. As you prepare for the holidays and family get-

togethers, don't forget about those who may have families nearby. Madison Lions choose to buy gifts and personally deliver them to folks in nursing homes who otherwise would have no visitors. Many of our clubs help with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, either by helping to serve at community dinners, or by providing a box full of everything you need for a family dinner. Others clubs, like Shelby, help with delivering boxes of food to families so that kids will not go hungry. Crestline spent a morning shopping at Walmart for toys for Community Christmas. Zone 2 collected coats, hats and gloves. At our most recent cabinet meeting, Lions brought Legos for Children's Hospital for the kids in the cancer unit. As I visit your clubs, I learn about all the things that you do. I have only mentioned a few here, but I could fill up this newsletter if I listed all the things we accomplish collectively as Lions of OH2. We are amazing.

My dad asked me the other day why I spend so much time being a Lion. Wow! How can you explain in only a couple of sentences why we are Lions? There is so much to do!!! So, I began a long list of what Lions do and I could see his eyes start to glaze over. Do you have an answer to that question when someone asks you? At the Zone 4 meeting, Zone Chair Sara Miller talked about having an answer ready when someone asks you what do Lions do? Are you ready for that question? You will only have a few minutes, a couple of

sentences, to hold their attention, to explain to them why you are a Lion. Are you ready? What will you say? Think about it and make sure you have your answer ready.

For the month of November, I am attending a Council of Governors meeting in Columbus; attended Zone meetings for Zone 5, 4, 6, 2 and 7. I visited Madison Lions and Polk Lions and hosted the Cabinet Meeting. Below is my schedule for December and January.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Patty

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

DECEMBER

04-Butler
05-Ontario
06-Jeromesville
07-Savannah
12-Crestline Lions
13-Plymouth

JANUARY

4 Lucas
9 Mansfield
10 Upper Sandusky
13/14 Winter Retreat
15 Buckeye Central
23 Bucyrus
25 Colonel Crawford
28 GAT Meeting

2nd VDG Shirley

November was a month for meetings. I went to 4 Zone meetings and what I found out is how hard the

Lions are working!!!!!! From collecting Legos to Matchbox Jeeps for the children's hospital, to hats, coats and gloves for needy children, the Lions are there. We has good food, too. I also had a Cabinet meeting where the men made pies that were auctioned off. Great pies

and money was raised for Pediatric Cancer.

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

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District 13 OH2 Necrology Information

Club Secretary:

Please supply the following information and return to the 1st Vice District Governor.

At the District Convention, we honor our deceased Lions and Leo members at our Necrology Services on Sunday morning. This service is for members that have passed away since the last District Convention.

If you have had more than one member pass away, please duplicate this form and return one for each member.

If your club would like to include a photo, please send it with this form or email it to the First Vice District Governor at the email address given below.

Name _____ Club _____

Date Joined club _____ Passed away on _____

Club Offices held _____

District Offices held _____

Major areas of service to Lions _____

Comments _____

(If more space is needed use another sheet or back)

It would be nice if the club President, family member and or club members could be present at the Necrology Service on Sunday morning to place the flower for the departed member. After the service, feel free to pick up the flower and return it to the family or the club. This year's service will be at the District Convention April 12-13, 2024.

Thank you again.

Return forms to: FVDG Patty Moorman
4705 Tiro Rd
Tiro OH 44887 -OR-

Email to pattymoorman@yahoo.com ; Phone (419) 545-1025

District Committee's Information

Pediatric Cancer

Lion Mona DiCesare is presenting a check from the STEPS FUND for a 9 year old Pediatric Cancer patient to Lion Donna Thatcher of the Fremont Lions Club. In return, Lion Donna and the Fremont Lions are giving toys to Pediatric Cancer kids from a Fremont Daycare.



Lion Mona DiCesare, Pediatric Cancer Chairperson, presented a check to Tom Borer, CEO Operations ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital, and Kim Partin, Foundation Chairperson ProMedica, this morning as a donation to their Children Hospital Pediatric Cancer Division. In addition, we presented them the Legos collected at our last Cabinet Meeting. Thank you all for your support and help. They were very appreciative of our support to their Children Hospital.



Legos collected at the District Cabinet Meeting for Pediatric Cancer kids as a Service project. Thank you Cabinet Members.



Diabetes Newsletter

Diabetes is on the rise. 422 million adults have diabetes. The total annual cost of diabetes is \$327 billion. “37.3 million Americans have diabetes, and 1 in 5 don’t know”. CDC, 2023

The consequences of diabetes can lead to complications in many parts of the body and increase the risk of dying prematurely. Stroke Blindness Heart attack Kidney Failure Amputation

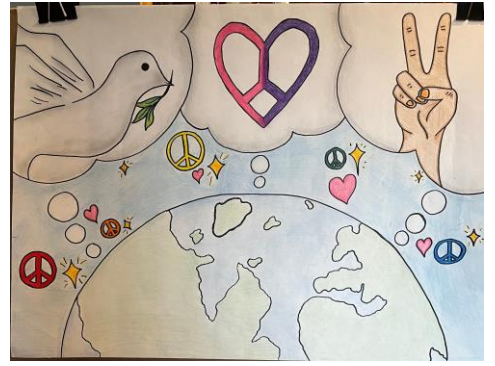
Helpful Hints:

- ☐ Eat at regular times and don’t skip meals
- ☐ Drink water instead of Juice or soda
- ☐ Be more physically active
- ☐ Eat healthy plant based food
- ☐ Skip fad diets and make healthier choices

District Diabetes Chair
2VG ShirLee Eberle

DISTRICT WINNER INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER

The theme “Dare to Dream” was best depicted by Violet Rossman from the Colonel Crawford Lions Club to win the OH 2 District judging. Her poster has been sent on to the State level and all the other posters will be held for display at the OH 2 District convention April 12 - 14 at the Strongsville Best Western Ohio Plus 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville Oh. Violet and her parents will be invited to the Sat. luncheon where she will be presented a plaque for winning the OH 2 district level judging. The other clubs participating were Bellevue Lions-Molly Klakamp, Attica Lions-Elijah Sanderson, Amherst Lions-Virgina Yacobucci, Old Fort Lions-Grant Miller, Ontario Lions-Emma Boor, and Crestline Lions-Mayson Davis. A big thank you to all that participated and come January 15, 2024 look for new Peace Poster to come out. I will be working with Lion Bob Moorman on some new ideas to get more clubs to participate. Respectfully submitted by Lion Jim Pickering-OH 2 Peace Poster Chairman.



2023 District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale Information
It is not too late for your club to participate!

If your club needs information, contact Lion Ann Miller. The website has forms and information.
 20 district clubs participated last year selling a total of 990 poinsettias and putting about \$2800 into the District Poinsettia Fund as well as money into some clubs' treasuries with their fundraising efforts.

Ashland Evening Lions will have a delivery on Friday, Dec 8. If any nearby club would like to piggyback with them, your order must be to Lion Ann by Dec 6.

Holiday Poinsettia Sale Order Form

Club Name:

Pot size	Color	Qty Sold	Cost Each	QxC= Total	Order total

6-1/2" pots with 5-7 blooms cost **\$8.75** each Colors: **red, white, pink, marbled (mauve and creamy white) and jinglebell (a red poinsettia with white spots)**

8-1/2" pots colors as above and also **tri-color** with combination of above colors for **\$16.75** each.
No orders are to be placed directly with Pinehaven. Make checks payable to **District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale** and sent along with a copy of the order to Lion Ann Miller (District Sale Chair) who will forward to Pinehaven Garden Center and will send the checks to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Tom Frasz. No money is to be paid directly to the greenhouse. Pick-ups need to be scheduled with Pinehaven for no later than December 16. You **MUST** take a copy of your club order. Deliveries could be arranged for large orders but must be scheduled soon. Contact Lion Ann with any questions.

Pinehaven Garden Center
Attn: Chris
39424 Detroit Road
Avon, Ohio 44011

Lion Ann Miller
1514 Twp. Rd. 1173 Ashland, OH 44805
Home 419-289-0638 Cell 419-651-6470
babba4ajm@gmail.com

GLOBAL SERVICE

Lions are in full “**SERVICE**” mode! So many activities have been posted throughout our District. Please post in MyLion (old system is still active). I am willing to assist wherever needed.

FALL INTO SERVICE 2023- PLEASE be sure you have publicized your event(s), but also enter in MyLion. Our goal remains 100% service reporting. Remember meetings, fundraisers, projects are all included in MyLion. Be sure to keep track of your service to qualify for the **GOVERNORS SERVICE AWARD** that is located in the District Directory pp. 63-65. **FORMS DUE ELECTRONICALLY OR MAIL BY FEBRUARY 28,2024.** Recognition is given at District Convention in April.

MAKE CHANGE

Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill has challenged Lions this year to “**Be the Change**”.

This project is ongoing all year. Suggestions include collecting the spare change that individuals accumulate quarterly to donate to one of the Lions causes or local causes.

I will be collecting data on what causes clubs have used as their Make Change project.

OH 2 SERVICE UPDATE

PEOPLE SERVED:	112,498
SERVICE ACTIVITIES:	707
VOLUNTEER HOURS:	19,721
FUNDS DONATED:	\$125,931
FUNDS RAISED:	\$307,604

These figures are accurate from July 1- November 24, 2023.
Pretty impressive for five months into the Lion Year.
Keep on Serving!!

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!

HAVE A GREAT LIONS YEAR AND THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

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2023-2024 MD13 OH2
Governors Service Award

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Open to all Lions Clubs, Branch Clubs & LEO Clubs

Complete this form online at
<http://ohiolionsoh2.com/online-forms/>

Club _____ **Zone** _____

The 2023-2024 Service Award is linked with serving the Local and World communities. To have your club honored with this award at the District Convention, **SERVICE ACTIVITIES MUST BE REPORTED TO INTERNATIONAL ON the new LION PORTAL once it goes live.**

To receive the award, you must complete twelve (12) of the following Local, District, State, and International Lions projects. You must complete one (1) local project. NOTE: you can only get credit once for each project.

This form **MUST** be completed and reported by February 28, 2024.

PRINT A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS and submit electronic form to GST Debbie Reidy, Contest Chairman

COMMUNITY - LOCAL (select all that apply)

- _____ Conduct a vision screening
- _____ Eye exam and/or eyeglasses provided
- _____ Work at a fundraiser or project for other community groups or organizations (includes blood drives).
- _____ Conduct a Health Screening or Health Clinic.
- _____ Conduct an activity at an Assisted Living or Care Center.
- _____ Conduct cleanup of a public park.
- _____ Participate in a recycling project.
- _____ Participate in a community parade.
- _____ Plant flowers or trees in the community.
- _____ Assist in disaster relief efforts (individual or community).
- _____ Provide food or materials to individual families, food banks or youth program.
- _____ Transport people, organs or tissue.
- _____ Change batteries for Project Lifesaver.

- _____ Support a diabetic activity in the community. **(2 points)**
- _____ Distribute fruit baskets or needed items to community members.
- _____ Conduct a Cancer-related service project or information program.
- _____ Conducted a recycling program.

COMMUNITY - WORLD (select all that apply)

- _____ Ring the Salvation Army bell or another volunteer effort for similar non-profit group.
- _____ Volunteer at a food pantry or soup kitchen.
- _____ Contribute time or funds to support Habitat for Humanity or like project.
- _____ Used eyeglasses sent to SVOSH, VOSH, etc.
- _____ Hearing aids sent to Hearing and Speech Committee.

YOUTH (select all that apply)

- _____ Provide a local scholarship.
- _____ Sponsor Lions Peace Poster or Essay Contest.
- _____ Support Youth Leadership programs - 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Good program
- _____ Volunteer at a local school.
- _____ Sponsor a Boy/Girl/Cub Scout program.
- _____ Participate in Liberty Days or provide Liberty Books to Youth.
- _____ Sponsor a local youth league team.
- _____ Sponsor a child holiday party.
- _____ Provide "take home" books for children in support of early literacy.
- _____ Sponsor a Student of the Month program.
- _____ **BONUS:** If a Lions Club activity had participation of LEOS, members' children or other youth under 18

LIONS DISTRICT (select all that apply)

- _____ Participate in the OH2 poinsettia sale.
- _____ HOST a Zone meeting.
- _____ Participated in the district STEPS Walk.
- _____ Participated in the district Hunger Project.

Zone Chair Corner

Zone 2

At the last Zone 2 Advisory Meeting, the clubs donated new kids coats, hats, and gloves for several organizations throughout the Seneca County area that will see they are put to good use.



Hats, coats, mittens, and scarves from seven Seneca County clubs at Zone 2 Advisory Meeting November 15, at Somerset Reception Hall, Tiffin, OH. We Serve!!

Club News Past, Present and to come

Amherst LEO Club

The Amherst Leo Club helped the Amherst Chapter of the Salvation Army kick off their Holiday Red Kettle Campaign over the Thanksgiving weekend. Thirty-three Leos took turns ringing the bells to raise funds to help serve those in need in the Amherst community. Leo Club president Devin Ramirez says this is one of the more popular activities the Leos participate in. Earlier in the month, several Leos helped the local VFW serve lunch to veterans on Veteran's

Day. Meanwhile, they continue their weekly project of delivering weekend meal packs to the district schools to be distributed to students experiencing food crisis, and the monthly activity of sorting and packing food at the Second Harvest food bank.



Amherst Lions Club

Amherst Lions Club President, Lori Elswick, was honored to award Amherst 6th grader, Viviana Yacobucci, as the first place winner in the local competition of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Her poster was advanced to the District level competition. This is the 14th year the Amherst Lions have sponsored the contest. At the end of October, the club held their 15th annual Lasagna Dinner fundraiser, earning just over \$1,500 for various community projects. The end of October saw the completion of vision screenings of 88 preschoolers at the Amherst Powers Elementary School with 4 referrals



Ashland Evening Lions

We again are involved with the Ashland Christmas Parade on Dec 2. Our Christmas family has 3 children under 5 and we are collecting gifts and goodies. We ring Salvation Army bells on Fridays thru Dec 15. We will host a craft show on March 23, 2024 as a new fundraiser. Poinsettias arrive on Dec 1 and

Dec 8 to support district project and also raise funds for us

Ashland Noon Lions Club

This month the Ashland Noon Lions had our Rose sale fundraiser, selling 850 dozen roses to raise money for all the causes we support throughout the year. We also helped out as a group at the United Way Day of Caring in Ashland on October 26th. We raked leaves, trimmed bushes, washed windows and removed yard waste.



Attica Lions Club

Attica Lions Club

The Attica Lions Club sponsored their Annual Reverse Raffle with a drive-through chicken or pork chop meal on Nov. 4th.



Secretary Lion Ron Heyman received the 100% Reporting Award Pen from guest Zone 2 Chairman Lion Dave Omlier.



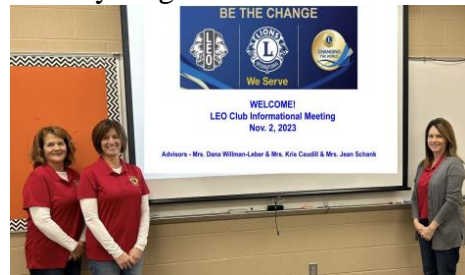
The club enjoyed a visit from District Governor Julianne Zody and her husband PDG Dana Zody at their Oct. 25th meeting.



The local school participated in our Peace Poster contest, with the club voting on top three winners for prizes provided by the club and project leader Lion Jean Schank.



We kicked off the new LEO Club at Seneca East High School with 18 charter members. They are already starting service projects with a pumpkin/gourd pick-up event for recycling.



Children's Winter Clothing was purchased and donated to the Zone service project, with 3 club members attending the

Zone meeting. Our club is ordering poinsettias for a few local businesses, and will be looking forward to the holidays with our families and friends. Season's Blessings to all!

Avon Lions Club

October and November have been very busy for the Avon Lions Club. We have made the following donations: \$200 to the Zone 4 Hearing fund, \$200 to the District Maui Relief efforts and \$200 to purchase candy canes and stuffed animals for the French Creek Foundations annual Candle Lite Walk. Lion Paul Johnson attended the Zone 4 Advisory meeting in Lorain.



At the October Avon Eagles vs Avon Lake Shoremen, the Avon Lions Club members presented the winning team with the Avon Lions Club Silver Rail Rivalry trophy.



On November 4th, the Avon Lions hosted 250 people at their annual Night at the Races. The fundraiser raised over \$10,500 to support our charitable efforts including LCIF, the William H. Bommer Avon Lions Club

Scholarship fund and other local organizations.



On November 17th & 18th, Avon Lions Club members picked up food donations from Avon Schools and along with Community Resources Services, and the Avon Police Department, the Avon Lions and Avon High School Leo Club members sorted the food donations, put together food baskets for the Avon police to deliver to families in need. The Avon Lions Club donated Thanksgiving turkeys for the food baskets. Over 875 pounds of excess food donations were given to Community Resource Services for their food pantry. The following Avon Lions Club YTD Service metrics have been reported in MyLion: 1152 people served, 16 service activities completed, 480 volunteer hours, \$1,965 funds donated, and \$10,534 funds raised. Upcoming events include preparing Christmas food baskets for residents and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions will be having our Christmas party in December with spouses invited. There will be a gift exchange and entertainment will be provided by the Hopewell Loudon Traveling Ensemble. We are lighting our Community

Christmas Tree at the Bascom Telephone Company on December 3rd. The community is invited to place ornaments on the tree in remembrance of loved ones. Our next fundraiser will be a meat raffle.

Last month we had a meeting at Sentinel Vocational School and was given updates on future plans for the school by Greg Eddington. The Culinary class provided a really good meal for us. Guest Zone Chair Dave Omler gave us an update on future Zone and District activities.

Bellevue Lions Club

The Bellevue Lions have posted their banners around town yearly, stressing the importance of diet and exercise to controlling diabetes. Lions International has over 1.3 million members focused on Health and Disaster Relief worldwide. Historically, Lions have focused on eyesight health and the related issue of diabetes, which can lead to blindness. We encourage everyone to speak with their health professional about their blood sugar level and what their risks are for developing diabetes. The Bellevue Lions Club is comprised of 21 men and women. We are always open to new members. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm at Seybert Methodist Church.

Our banner that has been hanging in Uptown Bellevue throughout the month of November.

Pictured, left to right: Jerry Garman, Sandy Loparo, Diana Spoerr, Jack Williamson, Jim Pickering, David Green



We have launched a new recognition program: “Bellevue Lions Saluting Education Fostering Growth and Excellence”, and awarded our first recipient a certificate and monetary donation to use in their classroom for supplies, or however they need. Susan Myers was our first recipient and came with a glowing recommendation from Assistant Vice Principal Pamela Veletean.

Pictured from left: Lion Melissa, Assistant Principal Pamela Veletean, and Intervention Specialist Susan Myers



Bucyrus Lions Club

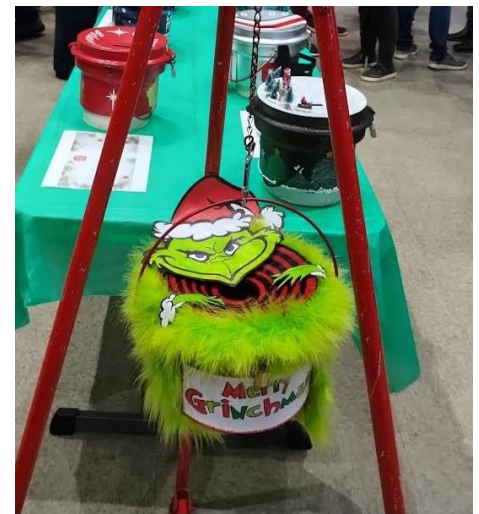


Pictured: Zone Chair Assistant Vera Gwirtz with her children Joseph and Cora.

The club participated in the kettle-decorating contest for the Salvation Army with a Grinch-themed kettle decorated by Lion Carol Iiams’ daughter. PDG Terry and Linda Spiegel participated in ringing bells to collect for the Salvation Army’s yearly fundraiser along with Lions Bob Guinther, Carol Iiams, her daughter and ZCA Vera Gwirtz and her 2 children. See the Bucyrus Lions Face book pages for pictures. The club decided to purchase gifts up to \$100 for people using the Council on Aging. They also asked members to drop off warm hats and gloves at the new Goodwill Store. These will be given to the local schools.

Lions Bob Guinther and Carol Iiams participated in filling bags with food for the county backpack program. Lion President Joy Hillis attended the Zone 5 meeting on November 6th and gave the report on the club’s activities. PDG Terry and Lion Linda Spiegel accompanied her to the zone meeting.

Bucyrus Schools
Superintendent Robert Britton spoke to the Bucyrus Lions Club on November 9th at their noon meeting. He updated us on the response to the bomb threat from the day before. He also spoke about testing scores and learning programs at the school.



Merry Grinchmas!!

Fremont Lions Club

Fremont Lions are ready to order their first TREX bench that will be placed at Share and Care in downtown Fremont. Share and Care is a non-profit ministry that offers two thrift stores, financial assistance and other services to Sandusky County residents.

The Club also collected Christmas cards that are being addressed to residents at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky Ohio. The cards are being signed by students at the Fremont Middle School. Greeting cards were also sent to residents of Parkview Care Center and a treat for the staff was provided. The Club also provided partial funding for an electronic magnifier for a resident in the county. Guest speakers in November included Derek Wensinger, Fremont Police Chief and Marc Glotzbecker, Administrator of the Village of Gibsonburg, Ohio along with the Students of the Month.

Mona DiCesare, District Board Member of OH2 Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation delivered a check

and gas cards to be delivered to the family of a 9 year old child in Fremont living with cancer. Fremont Lions gifted Lion Mona with toys from the Rainbow Station pre-school that had been in operation at First Presbyterian Church. The monetary gifts and one of the toys will be delivered to the family in Fremont.

We welcomed new member, Julie Chudzinski into Fremont Lions, sponsored by Lion James Elder.



Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met November 16 at Stone Lutheran Church. Deputy Brian Martin spoke on being a SRO, resource officer at Hillsdale Schools. He has worked at the Ashland County jail for 13 1/2 years, 7 1/2 at night school. He counseled inmates on the affects of drugs. So many inmates have no father figure and he tried to help them. They are good people who made a bad decision. He works with the DARE program teaching students about the effects of alcohol and drugs. He uses a golf cart and puts drunk goggles on the students so they know what it is like to be drunk and drive and also how to avoid situations. He helps anywhere he can at the school. Bullying is handled if several incidents are reported by the parents. All the Ashland County Schools have resource officers.

The club's Christmas party will be December 14 with a white elephant exchange at Hayesville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be January 6 at Marc Morgan's at 7 p.m.

The sausage sale was a success and all excess will be given to Hillsdale Cares. Marc Morgan thanked all who helped with the sausage sale and hopes to have more members help pack sausage next year.

Heidi and Keith Yeater were in charge of the fruit baskets to be given in the community.

Lorain Lions Club

The Lorain Lions Club hosted a prospective members night on

November 2, at Rebman's on the Avenue, 5300 Oberlin Avenue in Lorain. Five prospective members attended. At our next meeting, one of the prospective, Mike Galant, was board approved and inducted as our newest Lorain Lion member. Welcome Mike! **The Lorain Lions Club** hosted its' 43rd Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday November 5, at the Italian American Veterans Club Post 47 (IAV), 4567 Oberlin Avenue in Lorain. Over 700 guests purchased tickets. Treasurer Kenneth Kayle reported the pancake breakfast generated a profit of \$4,003. Proceeds support "Lions Conquering Blindness" specifically for Lorain area sight projects.

Lion members also collected donations totaling \$343 to support Good Nights of Lorain County to build beds for children in need in our community.

The Lorain Lions Club's monthly service project at Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio was held on October 24. Lorain Lions members donated 70 hours of work performed by 14 members. Lorain Lions are fighting to reduce hunger in our community.

The Lorain Lions Club hosted the Ohio Lions District 13, OH-2, Zone 4 meeting Nov. 8. Julianne Zody, Ohio District 2 governor, encouraged all clubs to continue serving their communities and to increase their community service by enlisting new members.



Ohio District 2 Governor Julianne Zody and Lorain Lions President, Dr. Richard Marcucci at the Zone 4 meeting

For the current meeting, Zone 4 had two service group projects involving all area clubs. The first project gathered warm clothing for children to donate to the Wee Care Closet, a Lorain County wide care facility designed to help struggling families.

“About 200 items of warm clothing were donated by the individual club members, said Zone 4 Chairperson Sarah Miller. “Donation value was \$1,200.00.” Lorain Lions also donated \$200 to Wee Care Closet to purchase winter coats for children. All items given to children are new.”

Past Ohio District 2 Governor Kerry Parker said, “The second project was to gather Hot Wheels or Match Box toys. The clubs’ members gathered over 680 toys. These toys will be given to the UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital to be handed out to young patients.”

The Lorain Lions Club hosted guest speakers, Brandi Schnell, Community Outreach Coordinator, and David Blevins, Executive Director, of Lorain County Solid Waste District at

the noon meeting on November 16.



Brandi Schnell and David Blevins from Lorain County Solid Waste District and Lion Mitchell Fallis

Brandi presented the district’s 10-year Solid Waste Plan along with the district’ goal to improve the acceptance rate of recycle items in the blue bins while explaining the appropriate items to place into those containers. Brandi also shared about what items can be recycled at the Lorain County Collection Center, 540 South Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035. Lion Mitchell Fallis shared with Brandi and David that one of Lions Clubs International causes is supporting the visually impaired and that we recycle eyeglasses and sunglasses. David offered to support this cause by accepting a Lions eyeglass recycle box to be placed at the Lorain County Collection Center. The Lorain Lions Club looks forward to this new partnership with Lorain County Solid Waste District’s leadership. For more information, contact Brandi at 440.328.2249 or at

BSchnell@LorainCounty.us

Lorain Lions Club donations:

Lorain Lions Club was proud to make a \$250 donation to the Angle Tree Christmas Ministry, providing children with Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents.

Lorain Lions Club made a second donation of \$400 to the Lorain Salvation Army Corps. This donation is connected to our service project of ringing the bells at the red kettles for the Salvation Army.

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions held their monthly fish fry and held a Fair Committee meeting to review the "lessons learned" during another successful week at the Loudonville Fair. Thanks to the hard work of members and spouses, Leo's and Redbird sports teams and tons of community volunteers, the club was able to serve great "home cooked" food and fundraise for future projects and events to benefit the community. The Leo Club completed a clean up of the high school patio area and collected plastic for a new TREX bench. Next up: the Children's Christmas Carnival, "Feed the Teams" for winter sports and the annual Christmas Party, food drive and silent auction. Happy Holidays!





Lucas Lions Club

November was another busy month for the Lucas Lions. On November 4th we hosted our second Bingo night. This time our theme was Mystery Bingo where the winner of each round got to pick a mystery prize from three categories: 1. Experience, 2. Alcohol, 3. Gift Cards. We had 128 people in attendance and somehow Butler Lions still won multiple prizes! We are already planning for our April 2024 event.

On November 16th DG Julianne Zody was our guest speaker and gave a moving call to action speech. While there she inducted our newest member Libby. On November 18th several Lions stepped up to help serve over 200 families through our local food pantry. In addition to their regular grocery staples, each family also received a turkey.

Finally, we took full advantage of the nice weather and had several days of sorting a

processing plastic for our fourth Trex bench. We look forward to placing it in the community soon.

Monday, December 4th at 6pm is our annual Christmas Tree Lighting program. We partner with several community groups and the school each year to pull off this event.



Madison Township Lions

Wow! November just flew by. Our club has been busy. We just completed our service project for the Madison schools football concessions. Without much delay it seems we're now ramping up for basketball concessions. Our club has been involved with Mathew 25 project.

Our Lions Club awareness dance with Phil Dirt and the Dozers on February 3rd, 2024, just went to print. We were

hoping to have the colorful brochures setting on coffee tables across the region by Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, we might have missed that opportunity.

Our Service project with Catholic Charities Project Bethlehem has been progressing very well, we now have the names, and needs of our assigned clients. Later this upcoming week several of our members with their spouses will meet up to shop and wrap the gifts.

Our next multi club event will be assisting Richland County Sheriff's Project Lifesaver at Charles Mill Lake Park for the annual 5k 10k run walk or crawl on Saturday December 9th. We are hoping for seasonally warm weather, this would make some of our older members very happy. Nobody likes to stand in the cold. As we finish up our month we made our annual donations to our local area food pantry's

Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club

The Marblehead Peninsula Lions presented a reader magnifier to the local library to assist those with sight disabilities. We also completed recycling for our third Trex bench. In addition, the club completed final accounting for the Perch Festival and although the festival was canceled due to weather, our drawing brought in enough net proceed to provide for over \$5,000.00 in donations to local and Lions charities.



North Ridgeville Lions Club

The Lions Club of North Ridgeville has been having a blast, helping out around the community and putting the fun in FUNdraiser! On November 4, we held our ROCK EXTRAVAGANZA, featuring our own Lion Bill Pappas and his band performing hits from the 60's and 70's. We sold over 175 tickets and danced the night away with friends and family. We will soon be organizing a toy drive to shop for gifts to donate to North Ridgeville Community Care. They then have clients come to their location on a day in December and pick out gifts for their families. We love being able to help out in this way and help our neighbors have a Merry Christmas! Coming up next is our annual Night at the Races! Always a favorite, we have food, fun, and virtual horse racing all to help raise money for Lions Club to be able to give to community, state, national and international causes. This exciting event will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Clarence Pavilion, 30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted. Ticket donations are \$35 and include a buffet dinner, beer, soda, and entertainment. Raffle baskets and 50/50 sideboards will also be available. For information on

tickets, horses or advertising opportunities, see the flyer at the back of this newsletter. We would like to wish all our fellow Lions, friends and family members Happy Holidays! Celebrate safely and spend time reflecting on the many things we have to be grateful for!



Perrysville Lions

We were active as always in November. We held our Swiss steak luncheon, a clothing drive, and hug the village Christmas lights with the aid of the Green-Perrysville Fire Department. We gave a memorial gift to the Loudonville Lions in memory of their member PDG Ron Lutz. We donated a total of \$450 to 7 different District and State funds and participated in the District Poinsettia sales. Six members will attend the Zone 7 advisory meeting in Jeromesville on November 29.

We will resume our Swiss steak luncheons on January 21, 2024. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Plymouth Lions Club

Lions of Plymouth hosted our first group of students for the Student of the Month program in October; each of these students will be considered for scholarships at the end of the year. Olivia Rule and Canaan Slone are both highly involved students with big aspirations; Olivia is looking to become a chemical engineer and Canaan is thinking of applying to the OSU Mansfield branch to further his education. A motion was passed to donate to a fellow Lions member for help with a mobility aid, as well as a donation to a local family that suffered a house fire. We also began our end-of-the-year cheese sale, which will run until December 13th. We hosted a blood drive on the 16th of November, as well as put up flags for Veterans Day. We will be collecting donations of hats and gloves to donate to the Upstairs Sore, a local clothing and food bank for the community.

Port Clinton Lions Club

November was a busy month for the Port Clinton Lions Club. Members attended and presented a door prize at Magruder Hospital's monthly diabetes awareness event, packaged food for those in need at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, recognized recently retired Sheriff's Deputy Bud Chasteen for his many years of support of Project Lifesaver

with a dinner and plaque, and attended a joint meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions to hear a presentation by Toledo 13 meteorologist, Jay Berschback. An additional 403 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected for a total of 2490 to date this year, and we are selling poinsettias in support of the district fundraiser.

Upcoming activities include bell ringing for the Salvation Army, our annual Christmas Dinner, and a Lasagna dinner fundraiser planned for January.

Sandusky Lions

The Sandusky Lions Club was invited to a special tour of the Sandusky State Theatre early in November.

During the Covid shutdown, a straight line wind destroyed the stage & most of the auditorium. Major construction has been completed, but there is so much more to do.

We were graced with viewing areas of completion as well as glimpses into the future.



Then, two of our Lions spent an evening volunteering to take pictures, check coats, spot for the auctioneer, and assist as needed. This was their first fundraiser/ gala since 2019. Such joy. And I must tell you...both the Theatre & our club are celebrating our 100th anniversaries during this decade!



Savannah Crestview Lions Club

November started with the Savannah- Crestview Lions meeting at Cattlemen's restaurant in Savannah. We welcomed PDG Deb and Lion Doc Moiser as our program talking about LCIF. It was a fun time as we tested our knowledge about LCIF. We held our November pancake breakfast at Faith Church across from Crestview campus.

Construction has started in the kitchen at the town hall in Savannah but will not be completed until late December or early January. We are excited that it has finally started and can't wait for all of you to see the changes. We will be having a dedication on January 17th. More info will be coming about this event.

Looking ahead, we will be packing fruit bags for shut-ins and widows in the area in early December and our December pancake breakfast will once again be at Faith Church across from Crestview campus. We are also collecting articles of clothing requested by the Crestview Elementary nurse. Our December dinner meeting

will again be at Cattlemen's in Savannah.

Shelby United Lions Club

Shelby United Lions recently donated their first Trex bench and almost 3/4's of the way done to the second bench. The City of Shelby is excited to be able to put a pair of benches in the parks for citizens to enjoy.

Recently we purchased our 5th pair of glasses for those in need in Shelby. The need is there and thankfully, word is getting out that we are there to serve.

Fall is always such a busy time for the club. With all the holidays and club events, we look forward to January and taking a little breathing time and to start planning for the year ahead.

We are excited to keep adding new members and getting known in the community.



Tiffin Lions Club

Tiffin and Old Fort Lions used PlusOptix to examine 99 preschooler's eyes at New Beginnings Christian Preschool and Family Learning Center at Sentinel Career and Technology Center.

President and Treasurer Margaret Werling and Secretary Connie Cole brought children's hats and gloves to Zone 2 Advisory Meeting on November 15 at Somerset Reception Hall in Tiffin. The winter clothing items will be distributed by Old Fort Bank to Seneca County Salvation Army, Hancock County Coats for Christmas, Clyde Food Pantry, Sandusky County Care and Share Fostoria First Help, and Old Fort Schools.

Tiffin Lions started Popcorn Ball Project on November 13 at 6pm at Tiffin Moose. They let us use their kitchen and ballroom on Mondays and Thursdays. Equipment, supplies and filled bags are stored in Moose shelter house. Have some fun, help our club with a project. Your evening will end with a sweet treat of "cracker jack." Nights remaining are November 27, 30, December 4, 7, 11, 14, and 18. There are 30 balls in a bag for \$15.00.



Vermillion Lions

Our Student of the Month is Megan Rini. She surely is a busy Vermilion High School Senior at school and in the community as well as at her church.

\$64 was collected for our local Food Pantry for this month.

Our program was the Lorain County Woodcarvers. They spoke and brought some samples for us to see.

The Santa House will continue to keep our plaque on it.

Bingo went on at our two local nursing homes, Kingston and Mill Manor. We had students from the Leo club as well as from the National Honor Society come help the residents play bingo.

The sign up for Ringing of the Bell for the Salvation Army went around. We will be doing this on Saturdays at Giant Eagle. The Leos will also be helping Ringing of the Bell.

Poinsettias are being sold at this time. Give your forms to Lion Peggy Watkins.

Decorating of the Gazebo was done on Wednesday, November 22, at 9 AM. The Leos helped out with this project.

Light Up Vermilion will be on Friday, December 1 downtown. We will be serving hot chocolate to our community and we will be passing out candy canes to the children of our community. This starts at 5 PM.

Our Reverse Raffle was discussed. It will be held at German's Villa in Vermilion on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Tickets are being made now. Raffle tickets are \$50

each. Meal tickets are \$30 each. Mark your calendars.

Operation Christmas Joy will be on Thursday, December 14, to do the packing of food and wrapping the gifts. On Saturday, December 16, in the morning the food will be delivered to those in need here in Vermilion.

Our Annual Christmas dinner and auction will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at The Nest. Our spouses are

invited. Music will be played by Lion George Harizal.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Blessed New Year!

Lions that have Passed this month

Upcoming District Activities

All Lions Clubs that would like to have their activities promoted in the District Newsletter are welcome to do so. This will possible get more lions to them. Please send flyer 2 month before the activity so it can be seen before the activity.





We Serve

Savannah-Crestview Lions

Pancake Breakfast

Faith Church

Located on Rt. 96 across from Crestview Schools

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Serving from 6:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
and French Toast

Price Per Donation

Proceeds go to:
State Lions Charities

Accepting Used Eye Glasses to Recycle

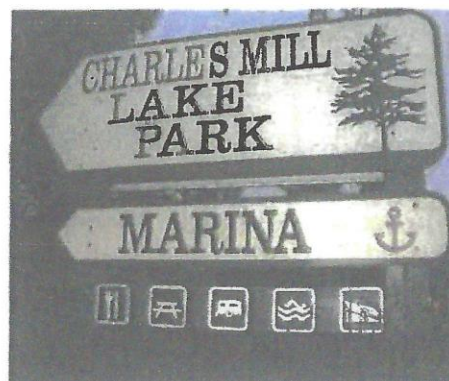
Door Prizes donated by Miller's-Hawkins Market

Enter by printing your name and phone number on back of ticket. Drawing will be held at 11:00 A.M.

Lifesaver 5K / 10K Run / Walk

Richland County Lions Clubs Fundraiser for Project Lifesaver

Saturday, December 09, 2023



Located near Mansfield, Charles Mill is a quiet place to relax and enjoy nature. The Park entrance is 1277 State Route 430, Mansfield OH 44903 (located near the junction of State Routes 430 and 603).

Proceeds go to buy "locator devices" for Individuals with Alzheimer's/Dementia/Autism/Down Syndrome

Course: Once around the beautiful peninsula park for the 5K, twice around for the 10K

8:00 AM Race Day registration **\$25**
Early registration **\$20**, T-shirt guaranteed if received by Dec 1st, no refunds

9:00 AM 5K / 10K Run / Walk

Awards: Top overall male and female and first place male and female in each age group
14 & under / 15-19 / 20-29 / 30-39 / 40-49 / 50-59 / 60-69 / 70 +

More info: Email Chris at berrier28@hotmail.com or call Gene at 419-565-4300

- Online registration and course map at www.ohioraceday.com (fees apply) ...or send one registration form for each participant and mailing registrations to: Chris Berrier, 774 Hoover Road, Mansfield OH 44905
- Make checks payable to: Richland County Lifesaver Race

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Gender: M F **Age on Race Day:** _____ **Event (circle one)** 5K 10K (no walkers)

E-mail: _____ **T-Shirt:** S M L XL XXL

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Phone #:



I want to provide additional support in the amount of \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____

Waiver and Release

In consideration of the acceptance of the entry, I waive for myself and my heirs and all claims for damages against the sponsors of the Charles Mill Save a Life Event and their representatives and all race officials and volunteers for injuries received during and as a result of this event. If I should suffer injury or illness, I authorize officials at the race to use their discretion to have me treated and be transported to a medical facility and I take full responsibility for this action. I certify that I am physically fit and sufficiently prepared myself for this event.

Participant signature (or parent / guardian if under 18) _____ **Date** _____



Find us on Facebook at Richland County Project Lifesaver

Come to the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

January 12-14, 2024
Salt Fork State Park
14755 Cadiz Rd
Lore City OH 43755
(740) 432-1508

Fun Sessions

Entertainment:
Possible Karaoke

Get Together
With Friends

Euchre
Tournament

Fun

Lions Sessions

Sip and Paint is
Back. Register
Online \$25

Food

Auction for a 4-day
stay at a Hilton resort
courtesy of CC Dave
Stockum (\$\$\$ to be
donated to pediatric
cancer)

Calling
All
Lions!



Registration paid by 1 Dec 23: \$125

Registrations 2 Dec 23 – 3 Jan 24 \$140

No registrations will be accepted after 3 Jan 24

Register online at www.ohiolions.org

Or send in the registration form and make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123

NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER 4 JAN 24





2024 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 12, 13, 14, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM
SALT FORK STATE PARK
CAMBRIDGE, OH

REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2023 will be \$125.00. Full registrations December 2, 2023 – January 3, 2024 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2024. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd., PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: ohiolions@gmail.com. To use your credit card: go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2024.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$25 fee) _____ (limited to 25 people)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: _____ Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____ Needs: _____

Session Facilitators

____ Yes, _____ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by phone: 1-740-435-9000. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2023, may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat group rate of \$119.00/night plus tax **with 1 to 4 persons per room**. After November 30th the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.saltforkparklodge.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

Lions Club of North Ridgeville presents:

NIGHT AT THE Races

Join us for an evening filled with
entertainment, food and fun!

50/50 SIDEBORDS RAFFLE BASKETS GAMES



Saturday, January 27, 2024

Doors Open - 6:30pm

First Race - 8pm



St. Clarence Pavilion

30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted



Tickets: \$35 donation

Includes buffet dinner, beer/soda
BYO spirits and snacks



COUNT ME IN FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Event Tickets

_____ x \$35 each = _____



Buy a Horse

_____ x \$20 each = _____

Owner's Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Deadline for Ads and Horses: 01/16/24

Deadline for Tickets: 01/18/24

SCAN ME
for Tickets



BUY A PROGRAM AD:



Race Sponsor (only 10 available!)

\$150

Includes a full page ad and your company
advertised on the big screen throughout the event



Full Page ad (10.5"x3.75")

\$100



Half Page ad (5"x3.75")

\$50



Quarter Page ad (2.5"x3.75")

\$25

Please attach artwork for ads or email digital
copy (preferred) to LionsClubofNR@gmail.com

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

More info: @NRLionsClub
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Proceeds go towards the programs supported by the Lions Club of North Ridgeville